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*In the rect to Col.
Baird*

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MEMORANDUM FOR: Director of Central Intelligence

SUBJECT: Foreign Service Officers Orientation Program

1. In response to a request made by representatives of the Department of State, the Office of Training has developed a five-day orientation program. From a group of twenty Department of State senior officers now attending the National War College twelve have been tentatively selected for this program, subject to security approval. The selection was made by Mr. Lampton Berry, Deputy Operations Coordinator, Department of State, in consultation with Mr. Frank Wisner and myself. In making this selection consideration was given to the significance of their future assignments as they will relate to CIA.

2. General Walter B. Smith, Under Secretary of State, has taken a personal interest in the establishment of this program. Mr. Berry indicated that General Smith will be asked to assemble the group of officers selected for this course and to emphasize the importance of this program as a means of strengthening the understanding and confidence between the two agencies.

3. In discussing the curriculum with Mr. Robert Amory, he suggested that Mr. [REDACTED] be invited to discuss this Agency's relationships with the Operations Coordinating Board. If you approve, I shall extend an invitation to Mr. [REDACTED].

4. I sincerely hope that you will find it possible to accept my invitation to participate in this program, which will begin on Wednesday, 16 June, and end on Tuesday, 22 June. A half-hour during the afternoon of the closing day of the program has been set aside in order to provide this group of departmental and foreign service officers an opportunity to meet you and learn your concepts of the relationship which should exist between the Central Intelligence Agency and the Department of State; or, any other matter you may choose to discuss. I am attaching a copy of the proposed schedule for your information, and also a list of the officers who have been selected to attend. I will be glad to discuss this matter with you at your convenience if you so desire.

MATTHEW BAIRD
Director of Training

Attachments

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